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Maryland to Receive \$1.5 Million Grant for English Proficiency and Job Training for Hispanic Workers

Baltimore, MD (May 19, 2004) – In response to the recent announcement of the \$1.5 million grant for English Proficiency and Job Training for Hispanic Workers, Hector Torres, Director of the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs issued the following statement.

The Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs is pleased that President George W. Bush has allocated these funds in support of English Proficiency in the Hispanic community. In addition to supporting efforts to increase employability, these funds will also address one of the primary objectives the Governor has set for the Commission — to ensure the inclusiveness of all segments of the Hispanic Community. These monies will be extremely beneficial to 225 unemployed Hispanic adults and youth in the Baltimore Metropolitan area that will be served.